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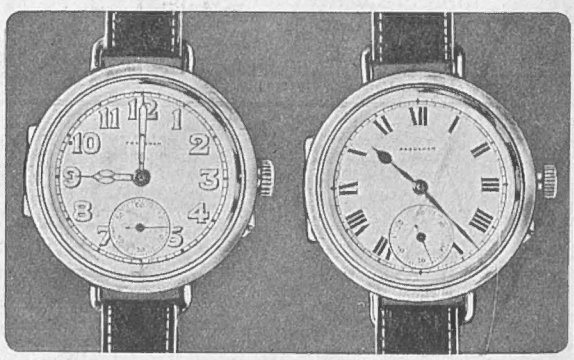

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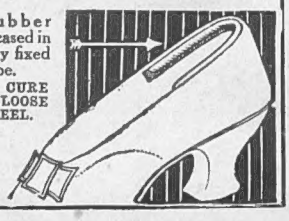

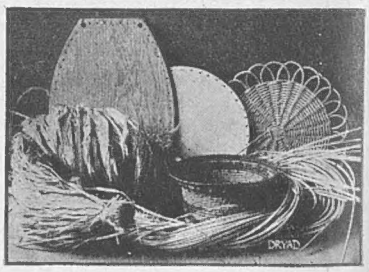

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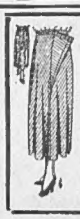

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BYSTANDER COMMENTS

Back to Europe

MR. WILSON has had, of course, a splendid send off from New York, on his way back to Europe, and improved the occasion with a great speech. He has a wonderful instinct for the dramatic, and it is curious how this trait is not conspicuous by absence in some of our own "great" politicians. ("Great" politicians: dramatic instinct; "Cause and effect" you say; but which is which?). All well and good, and more power to the elbow of the League of Nations—though to judge by events in U.S.A. it doesn't propose to do much 'lifting'! However, when Mr. Wilson makes a statement to the effect that "one week's open discussion would have prevented the Great War," the politest thing one can do is to ask him kindly to stop and think. (Bill Gawber's expression would, one fancies, be something like "Shhhrrrp!" but that's by the way.)

Will "Open Discussion" Help?

THAT sort of talk is only futile—and irritating. Incidentally, it isn't true. In point of actual fact, war with Germany *was* discussed in this country and in Hunland at considerable length over a period of quite a large number of *years*, long before 1914. Only people in this country didn't believe what they were told, and in those days read German rather less than they do now—which is saying a good deal. We are daily reminded that the world we live in is a very different sort of place now to what it was in the "days of yore before the war." One can quite believe it. But it still remains to be seen whether open discussion will prevent future wars. One is inclined to suggest that it will do so—*but only in so far as the popular intelligence clearly grasps the points at issue*. Which brings one to education and so forth. So enough for the moment.

Unionists All

"I DUNNO what the (lurid) world's coming to," remarked Bill Gawber. "It ain't only that this 'ere peace is more trying than 'arf a dozen wars, but it looks like getting a (fiery) sight worse now the middle-classes, as they call themselves, are beginning to organise. Organise! the . . . (vermin); organise against Me, that's what they're up to." I protested that no organisation had come my way. "I don't mean you," sneered Bill Gawber, "you journalists, you ain't men, so to speak. It's doctors, I mean, and clerks, and the actor blokes, and all that. Here's all those gents in black coats joining up the National Union of Clerks, as they call it; and here's the doctors setting up a Trade Union and talking of striking; and the nuts on the 'alls and every (scarified) girl is asking for £3 a week and pay for rehearsing, wot'ever that is. I say it ain't fair. A clerk or a doctor, he ain't a working-man." I endeavoured to disabuse him, to paint pathetic pictures of the doctor getting up at night to take Bill's temperature, of the clerk living in penurious gentility in a suburb, while his little sister in the chorus. . . . "Cripes!" roared Bill, "you give me the fair sick. I don't say they don't earn their (blazing) money. What I do say is me and my pals set up unions to keep the like of you on the hop. If you do the same it's me as'll hop." I am sorry for Bill, but Unions are in the fashion; I hear that this week even 'flu is preparing to strike, so he mustn't be surprised. Even to middle-class patience there is an end.

Roads

I AM not a motorist, but some of my friends have cars; once upon a time, before the war . . . but I cut short the pre-history of the world, and say at once that I feel some anxiety now that Sir Eric (Geddes, of course) is to lay upon the sacred surface a railwayman's hand. Railwaymen don't like roads; you might as well expect a nib manufacturer to like typewriters; I am haunted by a vision of the new Minister of Ways and Communications setting up sidings on the sites of Skindles or The Hut, refusing

WHICH WILL THEY HAVE?

PRESIDENT WILSON *(to the people of the United States)*: "Take your choice, gentlemen; you can't have both"

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (continued)

money for remaking the lanes where the scent of the hawthorn and of petrol so deliciously blend. (I am always poetic in March.) Sir John Oxton is reassuring, though. "No," he murmured, contemplating the club through his green *chartreuse*. "I don't say that Brainy Eric is going to extend the Great North Road to your doorstep; as Mr. Arnold Freeman says, 'I am not an alarmist, but I am not an ostrich!' Still, you people don't seem to know that Geddes didn't only run light railways in France. He also organised all the lorry transport. He'll want to make a big show here. After all, what are you complaining of? Our old roads were ponds in the winter and dust-heaps in the summer. And the 2,000 local authorities laid 2,000 traps for your car.

AMBIGUOUS

(According to a daily paper influenza is on the wane)

THE 'FLU MICROBE: "Well, *au revoir*, old boy"
JOHN BULL: "Going, are you? Well, I hope to be better acquainted with you before I see you again"

Moreover, one of my companies sells asphalt. So I'm quite happy."

A Liberal Waxes Humane

I CAME across Mr. Diddlebury (M.P. when there were Liberals) the day after the murder of the Ameer of Afghanistan. "That makes five," groaned the popular (but rejected) representative. "Clemenceau, three German ministers, and the Ameer. Respect for human life is not what it was." I suggested that after a war where existence has been held cheap both by those who took it and those who risked it, this was not remarkable, and would not last. "Ah," my young friend, said Mr. Diddlebury, "it is not so much these deplorable attempts that I deplore. It is the appalling tendency to use force. We Liberals have always deprecated the use of force." I gasped. "Diddlebury," I whispered faintly, "have politicians no memory? Were you not in power in '14? Didn't you vote for the war? Yes, I know, you had to be kicked into it, but still you did." As he said no more I assaulted him again: "In the words of Bill Gawber, you give me the fair sick, Diddlebury. Either you do nothing, or if you do you say you haven't. You're Liberal at least in illusions."

Always With Us

IT appears that certain Members of Parliament who find themselves unable to live in the luxury that is the due of an elected person on the official salary—or is it professional fee?—of £400 a year are agitating for an increased emolument. But as the agitators do not wish to be specially favoured lest they should be branded as "poor," it is proposed that the increase should be general, and then no one will know who wanted the money badly and who didn't. But it was long ago agreed that poverty is no crime; and in these days it is practically a recommendation. It shows that the "poor brother" has at least kept his hands from war-profiteering, and is not dipping into the public pocket in other equally nefarious, if less obvious, ways.

"Fluffy Little Dodo"

WHEN our grandparents were young it was considered the height of "elegance" to interlard conversations with French expressions. A woman of what was called *haut ton* (equivalent to the "smart" of the day before yesterday and the "it" of to-day), never dropped in on a friend for "a chat." She went *pour dire quelque chose*. From her rosy lips the "Aw'fully good-looking Johnnie, an'jolly weell-turned out, too" of her granddaughter was "The young man is very *beau*, quite really *beau*, my dear, and always *tire à quatre epingles*." This was all very well when everybody knew what you meant. But the "elegances" of grandparent can be the pitfall of the grandchild as a young officer in France has learnt recently with rage and abounding dismay. Now, the nice, comfy, homey word in French for bed is "dodo"—blood brother to our nursery "by-bye." This young officer, writing to his betrothed in England late one night, ended the forthpourings of his affection thus: "And now I must go to my fluffy little dodo. It has been waiting for me for an hour, but in spite of that attraction I felt I must send you a word, my blessed bean, my only real old dear." Consternation was his bosom's lord when he received this reply: "You needn't write to me again. I should be sorry to deprive your Dodo of a single moment of your delightful society. Of course she must really be horrid or you wouldn't call her "it." You are mistaken

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Mighty Glad To Be Back

THE PRESIDENT (*to those welcoming him back to France*): "What's that? 'My little ray of sunshine don't look as if he'd had much of a time in the States?' Well, I must say those Lodgers didn't take to him *vurry* kindly—but he's all right—he's bully!"

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (continued)

It is not *I* who am your only 'real old dear.'..I give up what was my share to your Dodo." The civil and military post have both been busy with the "explanations." That young man in future will never go beyond *compris na-poo* and *très bien* in his excursions into the language of our Ally.

Photograph *Thomson*
THE RT. HON. LORD FARNHAM, D.S.O.
Who has been elected Chairman, in succession to Viscount Midleton, of the Irish Unionist Alliance

Ichabod! Ichabod!

ROYALTY fallen from its high estate would seem to make an especial appeal to the commercially enriched Englishman. We all know how Alderman Wood sheltered the homeless Queen Caroline when she came to England to answer the charges made against her by her lord and master, George IV., and now a wealthy brewer has been extending the kindliest hospitality in London to one of the unfortunate Russian ex-Grand Dukes. The adventures of this particular Romanoff would have baffled the imagination even of Mr. Le Queux and those other novelists whose *métier* was the recital of Royal romances. By the way, one wonders what they will do now with Europe bursting into republics at nearly every frontier, and without one single Imperial Highness left in the world outside Japan! The actual part taken by this Grand Duke in the destruction of the infamous Rasputin is not clearly known, but it is certain that he was in the room at Prince Youssoupoff's palace when the scoundrel was shot. He is also said to have been one of those who thrust the body into the hole in the ice on the Neva.

Escape

THE Grand Duke, after being imprisoned in his own house, was exiled by the Tsaritsa to the hither side of the Urals. So intense was her feeling that he was considered lucky to have escaped with his life. When the dynasty fell he made his escape, and succeeded in reaching Persia. Thence he made his way to Cairo, where he arrived in a state of absolute destitution, and so, with help, to London. Prince Henry of Prussia, the most treacherous and insidious of the Kaiser's spies, told an English lady at Keil Regatta the year before the war that he "couldn't stand the Russian Grand Dukes," and hoped they would one day "all be kicked out of Russia"—a hope that looks as if it will come home to roost in his own case.

A Ghoulish Business

THE reaction after the crushing anxieties of the war is having one curious effect upon a large number of people—women principally. It is sending them to the "professional" spiritualist in shoals, and these odd, and for the most part unpleasant-looking, beings are reaping a harvest of harvests. *Séances* are almost as plentiful as dances, with the result that the cleverer mediums are booked as far ahead as seats at a popular revue. One can fully understand how a grief-stricken wife or mother can be led to a belief in the possibility of communication with a husband or son killed in the war, but the tricks that are resorted to in order to bolster up that belief would be childish if they were not absolutely wicked, seeing that many of the mediums deliberately play upon the heart-break to make money. But the ghoulish business does not begin with the mediums. Some of them have agents, women in Society, who, by stories of "wonderful manifestations" and of how "dear Lady So-and-So had a message from her boy," beat up attendance at their *séances*. Messages from the one who "has passed over" are "received" in a darkened room; the medium describes his physical and facial appearance, perhaps even reproduces his little tricks of speech, and the wife or mother goes away convinced and comforted that the loved one has communicated with her. Of course, she returns again and again. She does not know that a percentage

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Photograph *Bassano*
SIR THOMAS MUNRO, K.B.E.
Who has been appointed Chairman of the Provisional Joint Committee representing employers and employed in the industrial world

Photograph *C.P.U.*
MR. ROBERT SMILLIE AND MR. FRANK HODGES (right)
Who are doing a good deal of the talking for the miners on the Coal Mining Conference

Autres Temps, Autres—Vêtements

SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS AND A SURPRISE

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (concluded)

of the guineas she pays so gladly and lavishly goes into the pocket of the friend who recommended the medium—in return for the introduction, the detailed description of the dead man, and perhaps his photograph. It is a safe rule to avoid any spiritualistic *séance* for which money is charged—that is if you are going to believe any "messages"

A Little Tale—Please Smile

HERE is a little tale (just released by the Censor) of a nobleman who was dining in the halls of the very great at that period of the war when patriotism had recently banished wine and strong waters from many tables. Now, this particular nobleman had a pretty taste in wine; his very soul turned in loathing from the best brand of barley water or lemonade. He bore his deprivation as a nobleman should in such surroundings until dessert, when a Zeppelin began to be busy. "I think we shall have to go down to the cellar," said the distinguished host after a crash had sounded rather near. The nobleman eyed a decanter of anæmic barley-water, then burst out, "Oh, sir, if we only *could!*"

Photograph *Bassano*

MR. AND MRS. FRANK COLIN CRAIG

After their wedding last Monday week. The bride is the elder daughter of General Sir William and Lady Birdwood, and her husband comes from Perth, W.A., so this is a real, true "Anzac" marriage

Taradiddles

THERE is a trait in the British character which these four years of every class rubbing shoulders together should have modified, but it hasn't—much. It is the extraordinary pains some of us take when we get on in the world to *camouflage* our origin—that is, if it is what used to be called "humble." Women are greater sinners than men in this respect. But then, of course, they know what other women say, and men don't. Women never seem to realise that it doesn't matter a broken-up U-boat what one was born. The whole point, nowadays, is what you are. How much one is worth, happily, doesn't count for half as much as it did before the war. Here is a case in point. The other day I was reading of a seventeenth-century diplomatist who reached those dizzy heights from "a penurious obscurity." He hung the leathern garments in which he had trudged from Wales to London as a charity boy, "high in his stately mansion" to keep himself "from presumptious sins." That same evening I took down to dinner a newly entitled lady, a nice, kind, intelligent, commonsense woman, except on one point. The name of a Bishop was mentioned. "Ah!" she said, "I am always so interested in the clergy. You see, my father was in the Church for years before he retired." It was true. But he was a verger, and went on vergeing and vergeing until he got a pension. Certainly he *was* in the Church. He was never out of it except when he was off duty. However, that wasn't what the lady meant to convey, was it? And it is surprising how often these sort of taradiddles are poured over one in these days. I wonder why.

INTER-SERVICES RUGGER: A GROUP OF THE ARMY TEAM IN TRAINING

The "Twelve Counties" Hunt

A MEET OF THE LINLITHGOW AND STIRLINGSHIRE FOXHOUNDS

THE MARQUIS OF LINLITHGOW (ON FOOT) AND MR. J. H. RUTHERFORD, M.F.H.

LADY ANNA HOPE AND THE MARQUIS (IN TWEED SUIT AND CAP)

Hunting in Scotland is going strong. Here we have two photographs of a meet of Linlithgow and Stirlingshire held at Hopetoun House, Lord Linlithgow's residence. This Hunt, once known as "The Lothians," has since its beginning in the 18th Century hunted in no fewer than twelve different counties—Linlithgow, Stirling, Berwick, Dumbarton, Dumfries, Midlothian, Fife, Forfar, Haddington, Lanark, Peeble, and Perth

THE SÉANCE

By CAPT. A. B. HARROWER

JOHN SIMPSON has been demobilised. Not that he was ever in the Army. Being ineligible on account of what he playfully calls "Anno Abdomini," he did the next best thing four years ago and became a Special. But now the early morning pavement will re-echo to his solemn footsteps no more. No more will he and Smith bore each other to tears for four long hours on end, and three times a week seek their respective homes with the milk. Instead, Simpson will have his beauty sleep and rise daily at 8 a.m. like any ordinary mortal of his years and girth.

On the great day when the news of his release came through I met Simpson in the Strand. (I'm always meeting him in the Strand. I think his office is somewhere near there. But it's a queer place to meet a fellow of that name, isn't it?) He beamed, and we shook hands. It was in that little corner just past the Savoy going West, and it was just as well, for he danced a little *pas seul* to the tune of "hum-tiddly-um-tum,—tum-tum!" came down with the last "tum" hard on my instep and sang, "I'm off, I'm off, I'm off!" It was quite disconcerting. "Where to, old chap?" said I, thinking I'd better humour him. He saw my trouble, laughed heartily, and, thank goodness, became sane. "Oh, so sorry. I suppose you don't know. Well, we're all released—us 'specials,' I mean. They say they don't want us any more, and I'm wearing the badge for the last time. But look here, old bird, you're the very man I wanted to see. No, it's all right, I don't want to borrow a fiver. Thank God the old firm still goes strong. But I've a little show at my place to-night. Drop in abour nine, will you?"

EGG-ZACTLY

BOARDER: "Once again, Mrs. Wiggins, I have to complain of the class of egg you supply me for breakfast. Now, I can't possibly eat this one—"

MRS. WIGGINS: "'Xcuse me, sir, but 'ave you tried the other end?"

"Right Oh," said I. "But what's doing? Somebody's birthday?" "No, not that exactly. As a matter of fact I've lately become very interested in this occult business. Séances, and that sort of thing. It's quite the thing in the Force, don't you know, since Sir Sherlock Holmes took it up. Intensely interesting. And a fellow I met the other day introduced me to a medium, and he's bringing him round to Suffolk Gardens this evening. Excellent man at his job, I believe, knows all about rattles, tambourines, drums, trombones and bassoons, don't you know. I'm expecting quite a little crowd. There'll be a bit of supper afterwards, so do come along and join us." "Thanks very much," I replied, "I'll turn up."

So I did. Simpson's is a large house near South Kensington Station, so he is almost a neighbour of mine. He does a good deal of stock-jobbing, is a thoroughly sound fellow, both personally and financially, and the last man I would have thought likely to be having a private séance at his house. However, it's extraordinary how these things get hold of old Philistines like Simpson, and it occurred to me that perhaps the old chap had been so exhilarated at the prospect of no more early rising and long, wet tramps up and down dreary Kensington streets that something had gone "click" in his brain—just temporarily, of course. However, his suppers have a good name among his friends, so nine o'clock found me ringing his front-door bell. I hadn't bothered to dress, which was perhaps just as well, for when I was ushered into his smoking-room I found the place full of policemen, with a sprinkling of men in morning clothes. Simpson was beaming as usual and dispensing sherry. "Let me introduce Mr. Fawcett," said he, "My friends in the Force." I don't ever think I've ever seen so many policemen in one place. In fact, I'm sure of it. And the men in plain clothes I found to be—well, plain-clothes men. One of them was some kind of Lord Chief Detective in the C.I.D. They all seemed very cheery souls, and not a bit the kind of folk one would associate with the cult of the occult, so to speak. However, we were soon ushered into Simpson's large dining-room. The dining table had been cleared out for the evening and the chairs placed in a large circle. In the centre of this circle was a table covered with a large green cloth. We all seated ourselves and joined hands in the orthodox manner. Simpson switched off the light, and I felt his hand regain mine in the darkness a few minutes afterwards. We were all quite silent and just when the proceeding seemed to be becoming a fiasco, things began to happen. Something hard was placed upon my knees, and everybody appeared to have received some similar attention from the "sensation" that went round the circle. And then—the lights went up. Tableau—Simpson himself standing in the centre of the circle with one foot on a large deal case from which the cloth had been removed. Each if us had a tumbler upon his knees, and I found myself holding the C.I.D. official lovingly by the hand. "*Voilà*," said Simpson, breaking into French. "Thanks to the Controller the 'spirits' have arrived," and he indicated the case in the centre of the circle. "Well, it's the best 'Case' I've ever been retained for," said the chief detective amid the general laughter, as we hastened to break it open to drink the health of the Government. "But what about the medium, Simpson?" "*C'est moi*," said he.

"Twenty-Eight Days' Furlough"

"Master, I've filled my contract, wrought in thy many lands;
Not by my sins wilt thou judge me, but by the work of my hands.
Master, I've done thy bidding, and the light is low in the West,
And the long, long shift is over . . . . Master, I've earned it—Rest."

SONGS OF A SOURDOUGH

Spoiling the Egyptians

BY DELL LEIGH

SIR JOSEPH MIDAS, K.B.E., had had a distinctly good day. At least, if unloading a large parcel of shares at eight times the price you paid for them may be considered such, plus selling at a preposterous price a *soi-disant* Romney at lunch to a trustful and ignorant American. Oh, yes, it had been quite a fair day, take it all round; moreover, the evening would be fairer since that unapproachable star of the musical heavens had unbent and was coming to supper after the show.

As he turned from Davies Street into Berkeley Square and began feeling mechanically for his latchkey, he saw a man leaning against the railings in evident distress. Sir Joseph Midas frowned. He disliked beggars, never having been one. But the street lamp opposite the Midas front door disclosed a well-dressed man with a pale face, a puckered brow, and Midas stared as he mounted the steps.

"I say, I hope you don't mind my holding on to your railings a second—what? I'm not tight, or anything," said a well-bred voice.

"Not at all," replied the leaseholder of the railings, "anything wrong?"

"Just had a new leg fitted, and it's giving me hell; can't get a taxi." The light in the Midas hall threw the speaker's face into strong relief. It was a nice face, full of pain.

A pang of genuine pity twinged in Sir Joseph's heart, and he said: "come in and sit down a minute, won't you?"

The soldier's obvious reluctance to intrude stiffened Midas in his determination to assist, and before the limping man could remonstrate further he found himself ensconced in the sumptuous "library" at the back of the house, with a whisky and soda at his elbow. He leaned back in the deep morocco-leather chair with a sigh of relief.

"This is frightfully good of you. I'm afraid I'm being an awful bore; aren't you wanting to go and dress, or something?"

"Not for half an hour yet," replied his host, producing cigarettes from a gold box.

A queer smile drifted across the soldier's face as he took a match.

"Particularly annoying to be limping like this, as it is a new leg of my own invention I've just had fitted on; knocks all other artificial limbs sideways, the surgeons tell me; took me months to perfect the mechanism, too. But this sudden frost, y'know, contracts the tendons round the stump and the ligaments and so on, and cause friction, etc."

"Your own invention?" asked the financial man getting interested.

"Yes, but very expensive to produce in single legs and arms, enormous profit, though, produced in large numbers, because you can standardise the parts, many of 'em. Look!" and he pulled up his trouser leg to above the knee. He went into long explanation as to the workings and balance of this wonderful limb with the little oil bath in the hollow of the knee, in which aluminium rods slid up and down. It was certainly a remarkable contrivance and far more efficient-looking than anything Midas had ever seen or heard of.

"But aren't you going to exploit this thing?" asked the man of business.

"Yes, when I can afford it," replied the other, his face all alight with the enthusiasm of the inventor, "but I want the use of a Cincinatti lathe and a Landiss grinder yet to get some of the bearings quite perfect, then it will become my post-war job, selling it. But there's at least another fifty pounds to be spent before I can dispel all criticism, I'm afraid, and, of course, that dishes me altogether," he smiled deprecatingly and flicked away cigarette ash nervously . . .

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The Conundrum of the Casserole

ISN'T THIS RABBIT—A DUCK?

Pictorialities

IN BELGIUM, FRANCE, AND THE LAND OF THE BOCHE

ADMIRAL SIR DAVID BEATTY POSES FOR THE QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS

Who snapshots him during his visit to herself and the King of the Belgians, who is seen on the left of the picture, and (inset) GENERAL BERDOULAT, THE NEW GOVERNOR OF PARIS

THE GERMAN CABINET STARTS ON ITS STORMY PATH

The first Session of the new German Imperial Cabinet in the castle at Weimar on February 15, 1919. From left to right: Secretary Rauscher, Robert Schmidt, Schiffer, Scheidemann, Dr. Lansberg, Wissell, Bauer, Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, Dr. David. Right, from the table: Noske.

"SPOILING THE EGYPTIANS" (*concluded*)

Sir Joseph Midas, K.B.E., was stung with the splendour of a sudden thought. Here, at least, was a good cause. Nobody could say *he* wasn't a charitable man. Besides, if there was anything in it financially; and the lad was a gentleman, one of the conscientious breed you could see. He went to a drawer in his huge writing table. After all, he had had a good day.

"Now, look here, my lad, here's fifty pounds," he said, pressing them upon the expostulating soldier. "Don't argue: I never allow argument, you've *got* to take 'em, and if you're—er—successful, well, come and we'll talk business."

. . . . . .

Half an hour later, back in the seclusion of his own apartment, a certain "crook" unhitched a neat three-ply casing from a perfectly sound flesh and blood leg. "Soundest game I've ever played," said he to himself; "the fun will commence when I try to work it off on a surgeon in disguise."

"Old Bill"

WHEREVER I goes, I 'ears folks by the score
Discussin' and arguin' who won the war:
But such folks is potty, at least so I fears
If they 'aven't learnt that after four blinkin' years.
For some says it's Yankees and some says it's French;
And some says it's Red-'Ats wot's not seen a trench;
And some says it's them as come over the seas,
But I says it's not really any of these:

It wasn't the Frenchmen, it wasn't the Yanks,
It wasn't the man as invented the tanks,
It wasn't the grip that we 'ad on the sea;
It was Captain Bairnsfather and Old Bill—that's me.

When old Kaiser Willie first ran to the Dutch
Because he did not like Berlin very much,
He put in his overtime ridin' on trams
At Amster and Rotter and all kinds o' dams:
And when he was ask'd why to Holland he'd run
And put "House to let" on his place in the sun,
He answered "I'll tell you upon the Q.T.

"Just what put the lid on the Crown Prince and me:

"It vos not de Frenchmen, it vos not de Yanks,
"It vos not de man who invented de danks,
"It vos not de hold dat dey had on de sea;
"It vos Captain Bairnsfarder and Old Bill"—
that's me.

But I don't mind admittin' it wasn't so bad,
I 'arf wish I'd join'd up when I was a lad.
But still I'm right glad that it's over, becos
I don't feel exactly as young as I was.
But I'm sound as a bell and as fit as a bean
I don't ail for much, except in the canteen;
So I'll not employ undertakers, not I,
For they say that old soldiers like me never die:

So long live the Frenchmen and long live the Yanks,
And long live the man as invented the tanks,
But we're as eternal as Eternity,
Is Captain Bairnsfather and Old Bill—that's me.

MAURICE BESLY

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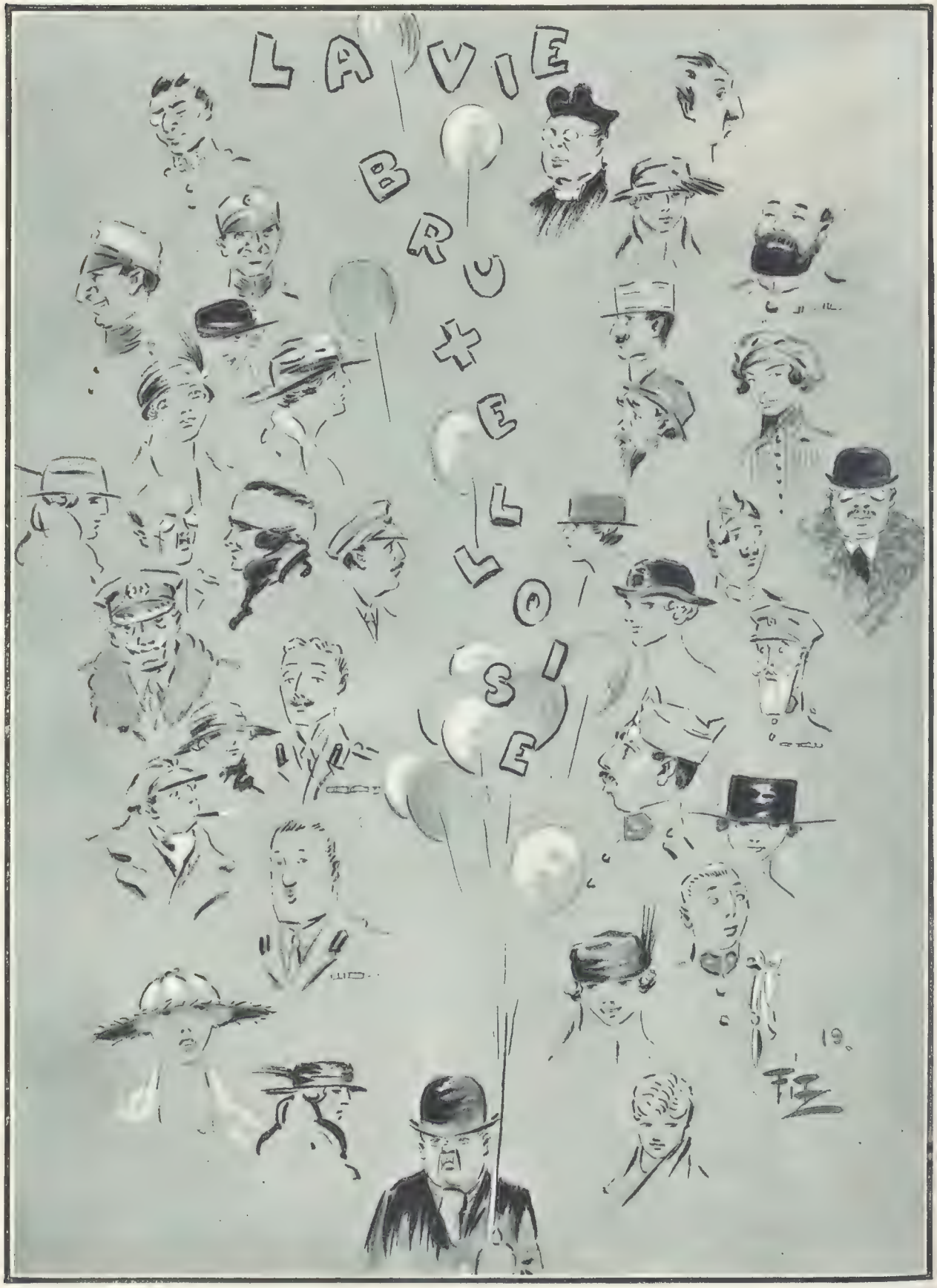
BIRDS OF PASSAGE

"Can I drop you anywhere, my dear?"

"Na Poo!"

IRATE (AND STOUT) FARMER: "Can't ye see this is a private road, and if ye go a step further it will be over my prostrate body"

PASSENGER IN CAR: "Turn back, Jimmy; we've done enough hill-climbing to-day!"

In the Future Home of Peace?

COSMOPOLITAN TYPES SEEN IN AND ABOUT BRUSSELS

Which, it is whispered, may possibly become the permanent Capital of the League of Nations

The Bystander in Paris

"PLUS ÇA CHANGE"

Illustrated by MARCEL PONCIN

"I went to consult my uncle"

MES AMIS—

WE have wanted to be very much of the *mode* this year, Lucile and I—the *mode* of the *Victoire*—and we have made very industrious studies at all the *grands magasins* to see how we would choose. And then we have gone to consult with our great uncle, who remembers every *mode* since 1860.

"*MES enfants,*" he has said when we have asked him to tell us how he approved that we were dressed. "I find you very well—it is not a fashion of my time—no, certainly, but it is an interesting fashion. The sister of your great grandfather has worn a hat like the one of Lucile's when she has come to visit us from her home in the Vendés in 1858. It had been the *mode* in the days of the Empire when she went to Dantzig with her husband, who was in the army of the Emperor.

"WE have thought it very old-fashioned when she was come to make her visit, and your grandfather and I have laughed at the feather of Aunt Simone, but now it would be that perhaps it would be quite of the *mode*."

IT was not so pleased that our aunt, Madame de Lubersac, was when we have gone with her to the opera. "But, *qu'est ce que c'est,*" she has said when we were come and have opened our cloaks, "*décolleté,* like that? It was not so that it was allowed to a *jeune fille* to dress when I was young. After the marriage, yes—one might allow that others should see the shoulder, but before—*jamais, jamais.* I find it of you very indiscreet, my nieces."

"When I went to the Opera with my aunt"

IT was quite useless that we have argued how we were *bien couvert* and all the other frocks now have a nothing at all above, except just a nothing at all. Our aunt was very angry. "Everything goes to change," she has said, "since the war, and there is not any more a modest *jeune fille* of your circle."

IT was then that Lucile spoke our revolution: "*Voyons ma tante,*" she said; "you speak of the *jeunes filles*—but it is now four years that we have made our own life. When the war was begun we were *jeunes filles,* Agnès and I, but now I have twenty-five years, and how do you think I will succeed to marry, since there are of our men one million and a half who are dead and a one half million *mutilé*?

"WE do not make our complaint, but it is now that we must live our own life and to regard the new convention." But our poor aunt was quite *desolée.* "It goes always worse and worse," she has said. "Regard there in the *loge* a woman who has taken off her glove. But perhaps she is American, poor thing. And now there is hardly any more that one sees our old custom at a dinner of ceremony that one should keep the gloves till the third course."

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"Old Bill" Presides at the Interr

An Amsterdam cable states that "Old Bill" is Acting President of the International Commis
plum and apple really *was* made of. They expect to arrive at a decision about

national "Preserves" Commission

ission which is sitting at the "Hotel Terrific," Paris. They are endeavouring to ascertain what September. Meanwhile, the cuisine at the "Terrific" leaves nothing to be desired

BY CAPTAIN BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

"THE BYSTANDER IN PARIS" (*concluded*)

She has so much complained till the opera was begun, and then she was again content because it was *Castor et Pollux*, and the taste of our aunt is of the period of Louis XV., and likes that the gods of the old age should have the costume and the manners of the Court of Versailles. But how all our Americans were puzzled. In the *foyer* afterwards, where our uncle has taken us, I have heard how they complained because it was not an opera of the Greek life. But I have thought it would not very much have been better if it had, because they would not any more have understood.

It is so easy to understand what the Americans say, because they talk so loud—it is not the same loudness as of the French, and one day I have laughed to hear in a 'bus how two girls of the Y.M.C.A. have talked. There was one who was not at all pretty, except to be young, who has regarded a French gentleman who wore his beard long. "Look," she said, "what a horrible beard. Imagine to be kissed by anyone like that." Then they have both laughed.

The other one has said then: "I suppose his grandfather wore his beard long so he does the same," and the first one has replied: "Yes, it is always like that. What was good enough for your grandfather in France is good enough for you."

I was not angry to hear them speak so, because, you know, they were very ignorant. For me, I do not think that they have known very much the emotion of to be kissed, or they would have understood that it is not whether or not one has a beard that makes the difference.

And it is sometimes very wise that one should be like one's grandfather or grandmother, and it is thus why we go to wear again the *directoire mode*. Next year, perhaps it will be this summer, I am quite sure that it will be that we will have again the skirt open at the side, but though our aunt has said we are not any longer modest, I do not think it will be open as *Les merveilleuses* have worn, it is a hundred years ago.

"The girl of the Apaches"

It is only, how I have written last week, that we have not enough cloth to make the wide robes, and so we have the skirt short and tight and nothing at the top. The *curés* and the doctors are all very shocked, but it is not so much of that that we care as that it is not easy to dance with a so tight skirt. And so it will be sensible to make a cut in the side. And what will our aunt and *Monsieur le Curé* say then? And—it is my question—will the ladies of America say it is the *mode* of our grandmothers or that it is very modern?

Even to cut the hair short, it is not a new fashion, and always in the Quartier Latin one will see the girls who have a *coiffeur* like the little boys, what you say in English "bobbed," and it is not now in Paris that one sees in the *vrai monde* any who are so foolish to look like a model of the Quartier or the girls of the Apaches.

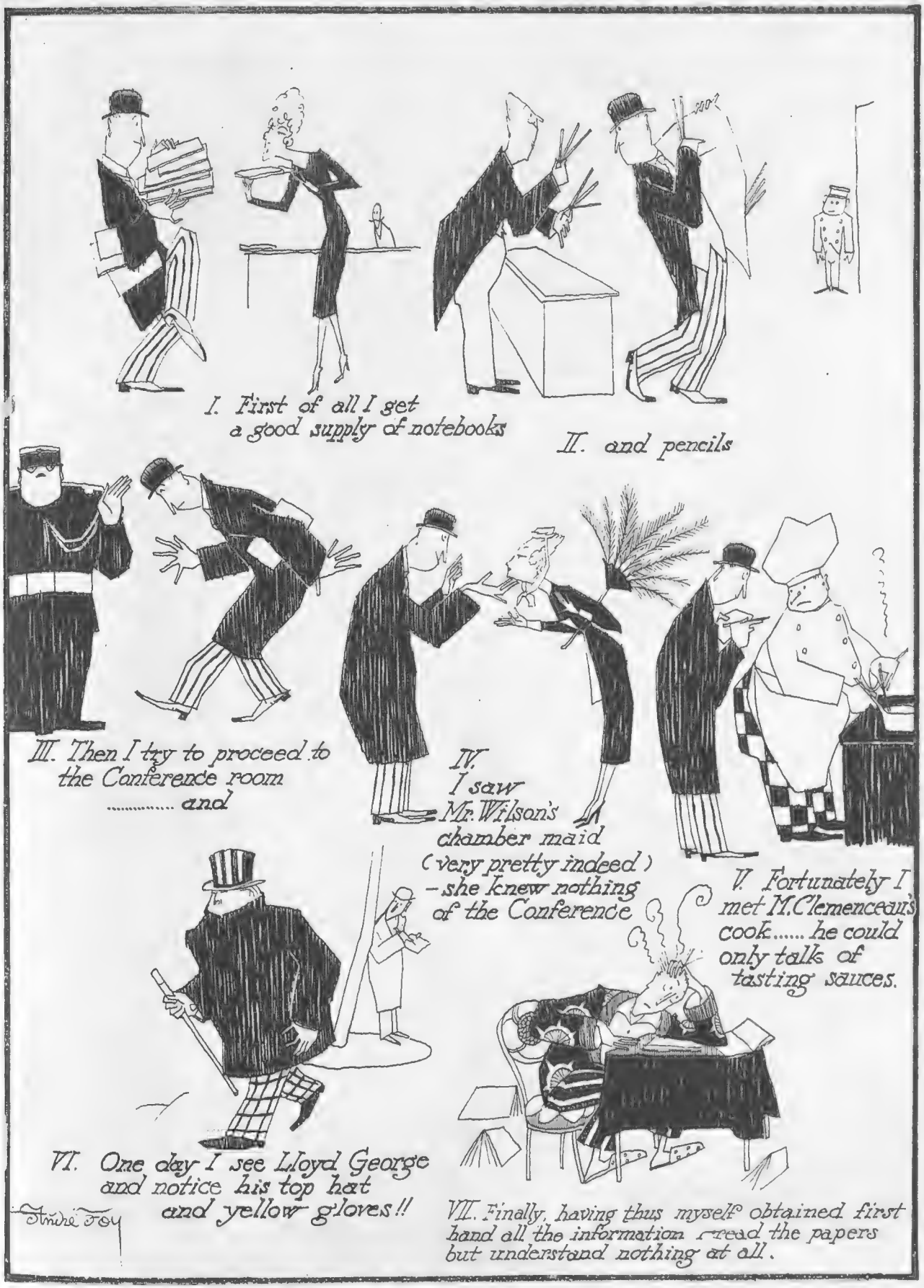
Your friend,

Agnès

"I have laughed at the feather of Aunt Simone . . . ."

"Avec Grande Difficulté"

M. ANDRÉ FOY GETS IN TOUCH WITH THE PEACE CONFERENCE—



—BUT WONDERS WHETHER IT WAS REALLY WORTH WHILE!

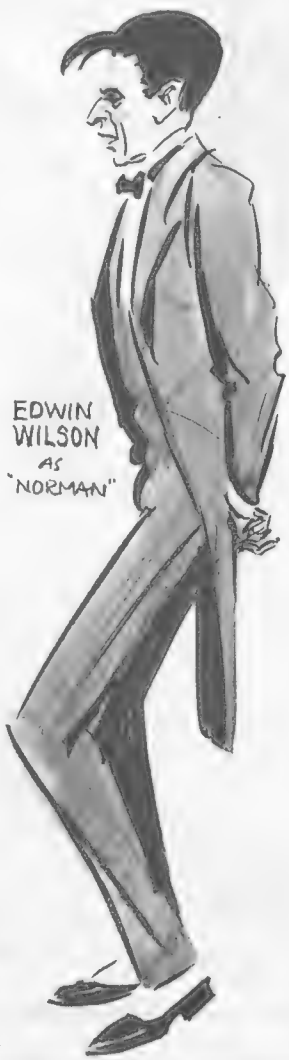
THE LILAC DOMINO

'EMPIRE' LEICESTER SQUARE

By "JINGLE." Illustrated by HARRIS

Now that this operetta has entered upon its second year of prosperity, it has occurred to me that it would be a good idea to go and see what all the fuss is about. The matter with this production is that the music is of the tuneful and bright kind that was bound to be popular anyway. The great British public which cannot be cajoled or bullied into patronising grand opera, which is always a frightfully dull affair for everyone except the heavy experts, will run after the right kind of thing in light opera as eagerly as the children ran after the Pied Piper.

THE idea of the story is quite simple. At least, it seemed so to me till I read the synopsis of it that is given away with every programme, and then it seemed to me a frightfully involved affair. As represented on the stage, the plot is merely that of two lovers meeting in the first act, parted by a misunderstanding in the second, and making it up again just before the curtain falls for the last time. It is the stock idea of all well-conducted musical comedies and operettas, and that, no doubt, is why it has been so successful here. There are, of course, humorous interludes of the kind that you expect in musical comedies or operettas, where the audience are apt to resent a joke if it should be on a higher level than any they could make themselves. A characteristic bit of humour is that which accompanies a joyous song by Miss Josephine Earle, who foretells what will happen when ladies take their place permanently at the head of affairs. One of the changes will be that men will dance with the mincing and fluttering steps of the *ballerina* in short skirts. By way of showing how it is done, the leading men in the piece illustrate the song with *pas seuls* of that kind, and the audience shrieks with laughter at the drollery of the idea. Whereas . . . but there is no accounting for tastes, as the poet so truly remarks.



THE hero is the Honourable André D'Aubigny, who is described on the programme as a young Englishman, in case his Gallic names should mislead the uninitiated. Indeed, I wonder they don't boldly call him a Lancashire Lad and have done with it. André is in love with the heroine Georgine. But Georgine's father, who is a millionaire, or something absurd like that, wants her to marry his nephew, Elliston Deyn. Elliston Deyn is a young man who has no money. He is not in love with Georgine, but the lure of what economists call the cash nexus is good enough for him; and though he would much rather marry Leonie Ford, he is ready to sink cheap sentimentality of that kind for the sake of a settled income of extremely handy proportions. Of course, one could go to the length of offering a prize to the first person who guesses correctly how

this little complication is likely to end, but I am not making any overtures of the kind myself. Some smart person would be waiting on the doorstep for me with the right answer about two minutes after the publication of this issue.

THE honourable André, like so many nice people, has not much money. I am, to that extent, rather nice myself. And the little he has he uses for the purpose of playing baccarat, which is a game at which the other man always has all the luck. He has a couple of American friends who beat him in at least one direction of excellence. That is to say, they are even shorter of cash than he is. There comes a time when André has baccarated away all his money with the exception of six thousand dollars, and by way of a last grand slam at Fate, he divides this sum with his friends, so that each of them may go and back his fancy on some likely game of chance. The lucky winner pledges himself to divide the spoil with his friends; and then they all go off and plunge on the wrong horse, and become, as genial sportsmen put it, broke to the wide. After that, of course the position is serious. The only possible way a gentleman can be expected to repair such a catastrophe is by marrying an heiress. All three of the plungers are single men, and are not in a hurry to look for trouble; but something has got to be done at once. So they cast lots with the dice on the understanding that the loser shall marry an heiress as soon as possible, and then settle annuities on his

two friends to enable them to avoid anything in the nature of vulgar work. The lot falls upon André, and there you are!

WE now come back to Georgine the millionaire's daughter. She is, of course, a very correct young person, and in the ordinary way would never be allowed to visit a gambling saloon. But by way of a girlish freak she escapes from her chaperon and, disguised in a lilac domino, gets to the lounge just as a footman is passing along with a bottle of champagne and the usual two glasses. Georgine has never tasted champagne before and she stops the man and helps herself. The first glass is so nice that she has another; and you know how the girls get after the second glass. Georgine finally makes up her mind to lie down on a couch behind the arras, as Shakespeare puts it, and doze a little of the crinkly feeling off. And presently in comes the Honourable André who, by a fine instinct, does the right thing on the impulse of the moment. Seeing a beautiful young girl asleep, he bends down and gives her a nice friendly kiss. Georgine wakes with the usual kind of start; but as the programme obligingly informs us, "her anger is not of a violent nature."

IN the second act André meets Georgine in mufti as it were. He is by this time quite in love with her, and that worries him a little, because he has agreed with his friends that he will only marry an heiress. That's why I think it's so lucky for him that Georgine turns out to be a millionaire's daughter. The inevitable lover's quarrel arises when someone blurts out the horrid truth that André only proposed to Georgine because the dice went against him. But for that happy chance Georgine would probably have received an equally ardent proposal from one of the other of the two plungers. This sort of thing makes a girl dreadfully haughty, and she doesn't care what she says so long as it's nice and spiteful. So the engagement is broken off with a good deal of anguish musically expressed. André nearly has a fit, and Georgine all but faints in the middle of her song of denunciation, but recovers herself in time to take up the running again without making a break in the music. This is a very distinguished performance by Miss Clara Butterworth, whose singing and acting move the audience to well-deserved applause.

FOR the rest there are "speciality" dances by Miss Ivy Shilling and Mr. Ernest Marini, which are enthusiastically received. In the last act the chorus ladies break out into a rash of coloured costumes of an eccentric kind which are worthy of the best traditions of the Empire in this respect. Some of them are extremely beautiful, and all of them have a charm they would not otherwise possess by reason of the beautiful ladies inside them. The management seems to have left nothing to chance in their efforts to ensure the success of this most agreeable production. They have a plot that can be assimilated without any risk of mental overstrain, dainty and fascinating music, tasteful scenery and lots of lovely girls. The list of indispensable ingredients seems to be complete in every way, and there seems no reason, therefore, why *The Lilac Domino* should not run for ever.

JINGLE

Civil Life on Army Lines

COLONEL PLUM DUFF, D.S.O., O.B.E. *(late R.A.M.C.)*: "Take him away, Jane. Give him a 'Number Nine,' and let him report sick again in the morning"

"The Bystanders"

THE I.W.T.'S CONCERT PARTY IN EGYPT

SOME OF THE CONCERT PARTY ON THE STAGE—

Photographs] —AND THE WHOLE PARTY PHOTOGRAPHED OUT-OF-DOORS *[A. W. Barrett, R.A.F.*

"The Bystanders" are an enterprising concert party formed, with the assistance of three ladies, by the Inland Water Transport, Royal Engineers, of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. We hereby acknowledge this implied compliment to ourselves in their title, but trust they will not have to "stand by" for very many more months. Meanwhile, they help to enliven the E.E.F.

Out of House and Home

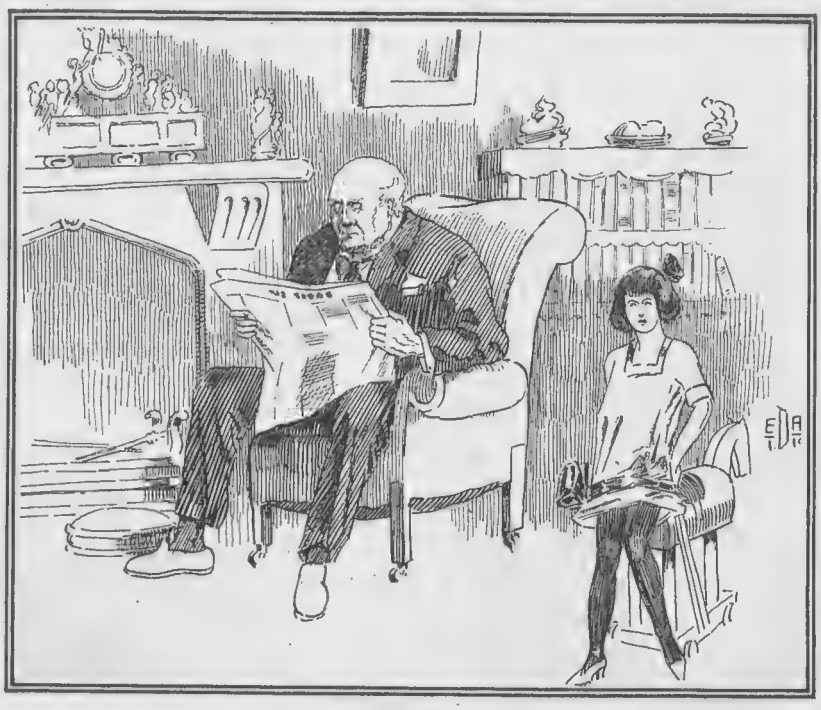
By "THE OLD GUARD"

WE had had it in mind to-day to thump our tub noisily and to hurl bitter invective and scathing anathema at the British Government. For, by the nine gods! it must be verily a Government of the inept, since it has of late shown to all the world that it cannot work miracles. And for no less than that does the intelligent voter put a Government in power. Great statesmen, protesting that they are marvellously skilled in the knowledge of men and affairs, have been set the simple task of adding two and two together, and have fatuously proclaimed the result to be—Four. Wherefore, we had held it, but a few hours since, the task of the true patriot to cry havoc and let loose the dogs of party-war upon such manifest incompetence. For the north-east wind was blowing, and we were a-cold and at odds with the world. But on a sudden the wind veered south, and we awoke suddenly in a welcome burst of sunshine to note the tremendous fact that the new fashion in feminine frocks that illuminate the street still leaves a dainty ankle and much that appertains to it for the world to see.

AND yet withal, masters, there is business toward. There are doings to be marked. For in this spring-time there be people that shall have no homes by virtue of the rapacity of the landlord and the dismal inability of the Government to alter human nature in half an hour; and there are signs that the inarticulate thousands, threatened by this dismal cloud, look to ourself to voice their wrongs and set the world right again. And this notwithstanding that we ourself have ever had a soul above so sordid a detail as rent and its concomitants. For the indifferent lodging whereat we lie, we pay money when we have it; and when, forsooth! we have it not, the case of our landlady is no worse than our own. Yet herein we do perceive that we hold a brief for our brothers who are to be moved against their proper wills. With ourself, the outstaying of our welcome is the very soul of the art and craft to which the gods have set our head and hand.

IF we, with a masterpiece in our hand, should leave the presence of a graceless editor as soon as he has signified emphatically that we are an unwelcome superfluity in his vicinage, the annals of our country's literature would have been poorer by the lack of many a pretty fancy of our own. We have a way of choosing our own time for going, and thus we come to our less assertive brothers with wise counsel and good hope. 'Twould seem that here and there a householder has been notified by his conscienceless landlord that if he go not of his own free will on a certain date, he will be put out by a better man than himself. For ourself the answer to such insolence would be the exultant war-whoop of our royal and ancient clan. We should advise the varlet to proceed with his ejectment, prayerfully hoping at the same time that for his own sake he had not underestimated the size of the job in front of him.

AND yet dismal as the spring-time is destined to be for many who would garner where they have not strawed, for ourself it hath a brighter look. For—a word in your ear, gentles—this morning the fair daughter of our landlady placed a rose upon our breakfast-table and the sun shone lightly upon it, and the frolic wind that breathes the spring stole in through the half-opened window and caressed the dainty blossom with a fluttering touch. What to us at such an hour are Governments and thrones and dynasties? For us there is a sterner way ahead. We must be early abroad digging from their haunts friends of a lifetime with volatile half-crowns, so that we may repay courtesy with courtesy. There must be, at the expense of one or other of our benefactors, a box of chocolates, with, perchance, a little *tête-à-tête* dinner in Soho, with all the other chances therein and thereby involved. Much, therefore, as we sympathise with the houseless of the hour, we must defer our heated denunciation of the Government and capitalists until we have disposed of more serious business.



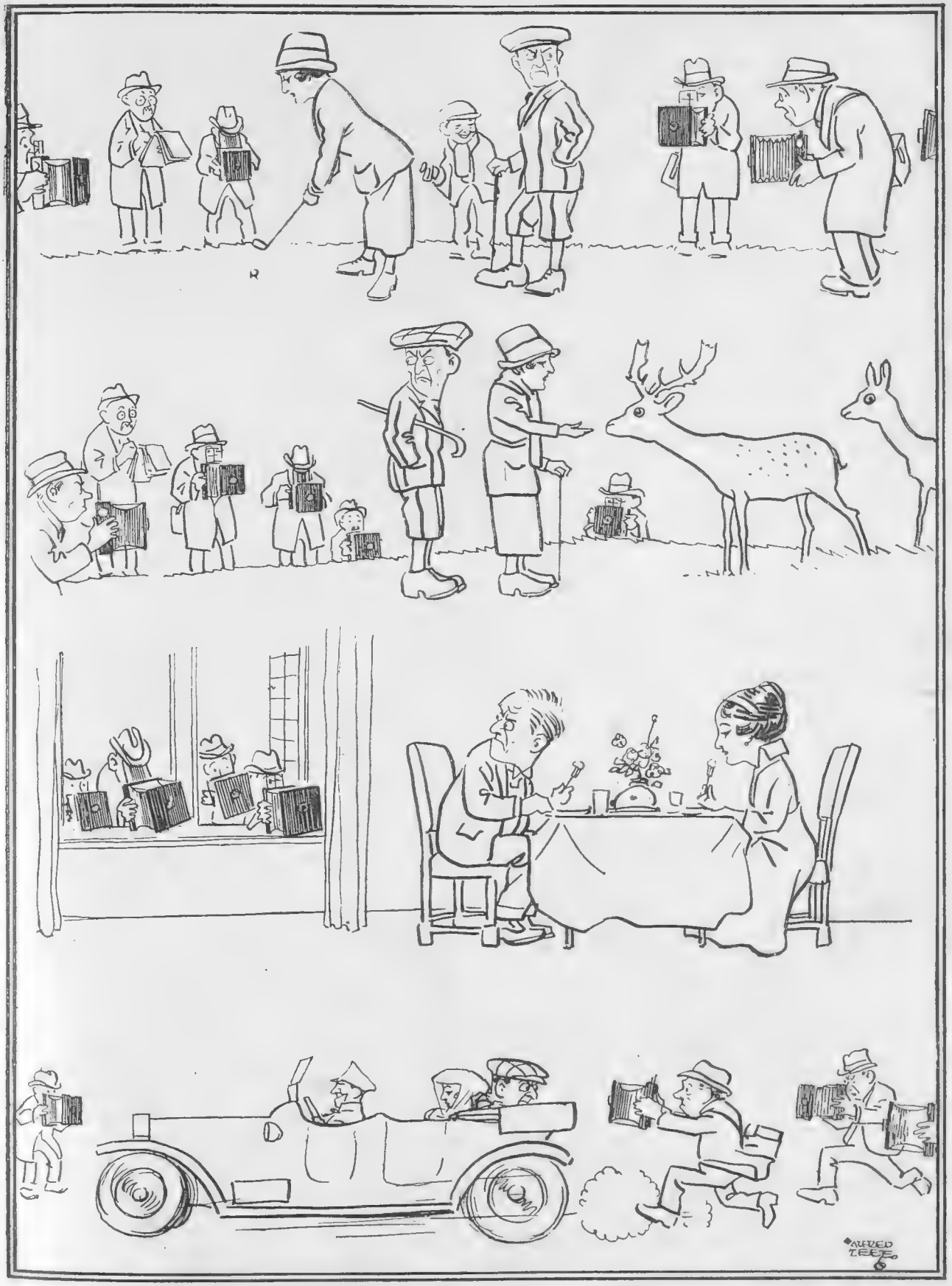
IN 1950

"Grandpa, is it true that when mother was a little girl you fought in the Great War?"

"Yes!"

"Oh! then I suppose that's why father's always talking about you as a contemptible old mons-ter?"

Anything But "In Camera"!

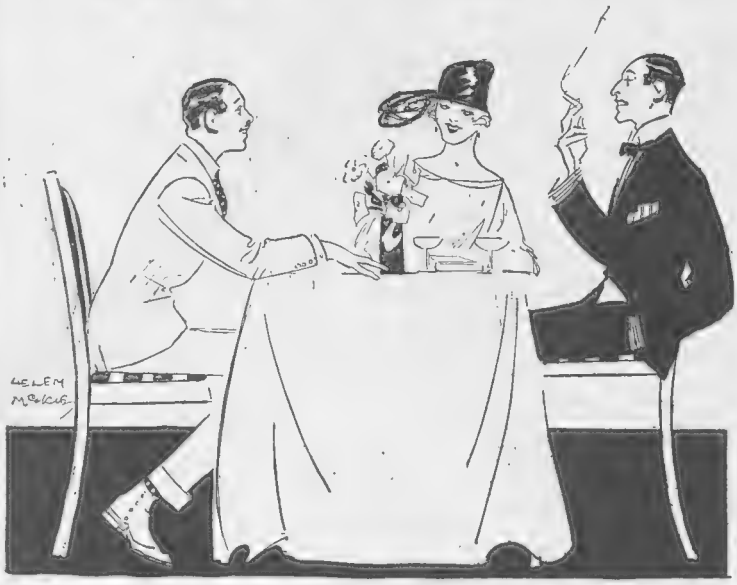


THE HONEYMOON OF A POPULAR PRINCESS

"IN ENGLAND-NOW!"

A WEEKLY LETTER FROM "BLANCHE."

Illustrated by HELEN McKIE



". . . Lunch parties"

LONDON, *March* 10, 1919

DEAR COUSIN—

WITH the natural perversity of the gay, young thing, March jazzed in as proverbially she should go out—à la *petit agneau*. And now the question is—are we or are we not to be treated to what ye Psalmiste calls the ramping and the roaring lion stunt?

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FOR these are fateful days. Between now and ten days hence there's to happen such a clash of wills as has never happened yet in our whole long history. Labour *v* Capitalism—and there's lots to say for both sides! And if they can't come to settlement, the consequences, according to the prophets, will be "almost as dangerous as defeat by Germany."

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CHEERFUL, *isn't* it? And I'm much afraid the situation simply doesn't give a chance to our very newest League. Which is "of the Arts for National and Civic Ceremony," and has been evolved by twelve more or less famous musician, actor, poet and artist people, because at present "no organisation exists whereby our national joys or aspirations can be adequately expressed."

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OBVIOUS, isn't it, that the art-y Twelve, our new Apostles of joyful Demonstration, are remembering Armistice Night and considering Peace Day? But the point is, don't think there'll *be* much celebrating anyway with a National Strike either happening or Damocletianly threatening.

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AND in any case, things never happen twice the same, do they? That is the tragedy of life—its constant repetition and its constant change. When, so suddenly and unexpectedly and, perhaps, a little prematurely, the dreadfullest War guttered out like a spent candle, the *hoi polloi*, vastly relieved, was vastly hilarious. But, as usual, it overdid the thing and I guess celebrating Peace won't be kept up for a week, anyway.

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FOR one thing, we are, as a Colonial Minister, a keen Antipodean observer of human nature, said to me last week; all a little played out, tired out and enormously nervous, we island people. And for another, what with 'flu, a winter almost utterly sunless, profiteering as shameless in peace as in war, Bolshevism and those annoying little details that are contained in the Army of Occupation's letters home about how *very* well the unbeaten Hun continues to do himself—well, the fruits of victory taste at the moment just a little bitterly in our mouths.

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HOWEVER, if there's any child amongst us taking notes, I don't think, you know, that he'll *notice* —much of that morning-after-four-years-war feeling, I mean. Gee, but we're anyway not too tired to *play* here in London now—about which grey old city, by the way, I must just quote my Colonial Minister *once* again. He'd travelled *via* New York and it was, he said, to come to London from that "fine town"—"like coming out of a gaudy theatre and entering an old cathedral."

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WHICH reminds me, rather like the *very* latest from Noo York, about lingerie, don't you? Seems the awful discovery's been made that the pink, blue, and other undies displayed in shop windows, and *especially* the display of stockings on models, is *demoralising the returning American soldier!* They've formed a Committee to attend to the matter, for the argument is—in case you don't grasp it—that *women* don't look at these "deliberately enticing" exhibits. And obviously *someone* must, and as suspicion must rest somewhere. . . .

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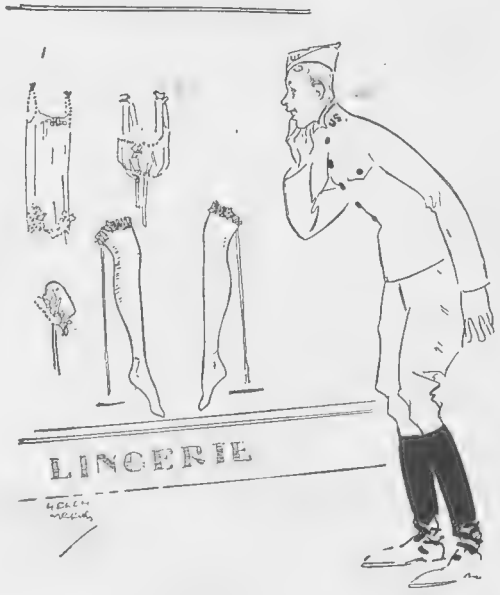

"The display of stockings on models is demoralising the American soldiers"

FROM THE MURMAN COAST

A PELMANIST'S EXPERIENCES

Wherever the British Army goes, the "Little Grey Books" follow. They are to-day almost an integral part of the outfit of a British officer or soldier.

Even from the bleak Murman Coast, where a British force is gallantly holding back the Bolshevist hordes, come letters full of gratitude for what Pelmanism has done for its students.

Here is one such letter, recently received:—

"Your lessons so far have been very valuable to me. Thanks to your teaching, the——of the North Russia Expeditionary Force selected me to be his typist; later, through my interest in some rather difficult problems—which became comparatively easy when the exercises, especially Exercise X, were applied to them—he made me his confidential clerk.

I realise how much I have lost through not enrolling in the Pelman Institute immediately upon my arrival in England in the summer of 1917.

Your exercises have also been of intellectual benefit to me; through their aid new interests are opening out. What at first appeared to be a very barren outlook in Russia now has every sign of being very profitable, for my knowledge of Russia, its people, its industries, its resources and possibilities are on the upward plane—I am learning how to see, and having seen, to understand."

This letter emphasises in a peculiar and striking fashion "the interest-power" aroused by Pelmanism; and "Interest," as everybody knows, is a big item of the secret of success. The man who is interested displays keenness—and keenness to reach a definite goal has never yet failed to result in progress.

Let every non-Pelmanist reflect upon this letter: let him consider what it means. Here is a man taken from civilised life, from his home, his regular occupation, his usual environment, and set down, a soldier, upon one of the most inhospitable and apparently uninteresting parts of the European Continent.

His first sensation is one of hopelessness: his uncongenial surroundings discourage him. Left to himself he would become the victim of circumstances, as so many have done.

He takes up Pelmanism. He has heard much of it and, without attaching much importance to it, decides that he might as well study that, having nothing else to do in his leisure.

Within a few weeks he begins to be conscious of a new stimulus; his outlook brightens, his individuality begins once more to assert itself. He learns the grand truth which so many have now learned—*that "circumstances" cannot extinguish the man who refuses to be extinguished.*

His activities—inspired by the "Little Grey Books"—revive; his faculties respond to the wholesome and invigorating Pelman exercises—as they always do. Success follows almost immediately: a small success but it is quickly followed by further success. New interests appear; he begins to find there is more—much more—in his environment than he was conscious of before. To use his own words, "I am learning how to see, and, having seen, to understand."

How many unsuccessful men and women realise that they themselves are largely to blame for "not having seen." There are some who live all their lives confronted daily by possibilities and opportunities which they never see; clerks who might become managers if they *saw* what was in front of them; salesmen who might become organisers and directors if they would view their human and other surroundings with *seeing* eyes.

If Pelmanism did no more than compel its students to a wider and deeper vision, it would justify all that has been said in its praise. But it does far more.

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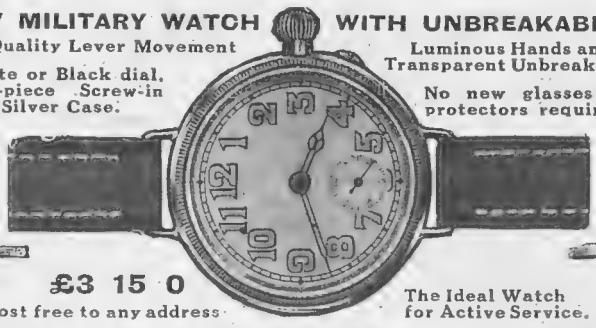

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The world has abandoned most of the Albertian doctrine and is reforming most things; yet the moment reform in man's dress is mentioned, the cry goes up that "dandyism" is effeminate.

A quaint battle-cry of a barbarous age!

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I would commend these critics to study history. I would ask them to learn that Byron was neither effeminate or a fool. D'Orsay had character and wit, the maligned Brummell was a man of parts, Disraeli was a notorious dandy. Dumas the elder and Gautier were lovers of colour and gorgeous attire, whilst in the eighteenth century Hume, Garrick and Walpole were classed amongst the best dressed men of their age.

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APROPOS, are we *ever*, I wonder, to get any *real* plays again here in London? Yes, yes I know there's the intriguing *Abraham Lincoln* at Hammersmith—but there Hammersmith *is* Hammersmith, and you do have to dine rather early to be in time for the first act of a play that is the "first step towards restoring dignity and thought to the stage." For the rest, it's mostly all revue and all revues are all alike so if you've been to one you've morally been to all. It really seems as if a slightly muzzy condition will be the best frame of mind in which to attend to this week's *Joy Bells* at the Hippodrome. Where we are, according to the puff. prelim., to hear, at last, the *real* thing in Jazz Bands. Seems up to now we've had but a "poor imitation" of what the jazzer really can do in the way of noise, speed, and rhythm. This gets all previous J.B.'s beat to a frazzle. Sometimes, you know, I think there must have been Jazz Bands in the days of the man who asked O! Death, where is thy sting?

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BY the way, good news for Drury-olanites that Sir Butt and Sir Beecham now boss the "Royal" theatre. I mean these believe, or the former does, anyway, in making people comfortable, and *oh!* the slippery, slidy, spine-searching, shiney *dis*comfort of even the best seats at Drury Lane. I think they must have done it up last in the days before they invented Chesterfields and things and people didn't "lounge" in arm-chairs.

"You've simply got to feel hearty"

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AND, talking of theatres, much chat about removing all those boxes at Covent Garden when they open again for peace-time grand opera. But surely, in only five years, we haven't got so democratic as all that? "A box at the opera" what *heights* of social eminence it suggested, and still suggests! Only the Very Best—in blood or bullion—aspired, and in that grand tier better than anywhere else in all London could woman show herself, her clothes, her jewels and He-who-paid-for-them.

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SOUNDS a sad simplifying of the social scheme, I think, though perhaps, on the whole, sitting around like that in rows and clumps just to be seen, was a somewhat barbaric way of spending civilised nights. But one clings, doesn't one, to these funny old Victorian fashions? Such restful reminders of the days when hardly anyone *thought*, and those that did not much worth thinking.

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I'M sure, too, some of the men when they return won't want to see all the old pre-war customs swept away in democracy's melting pot. As one just writes me from Palestine (a post card) "Darling Old Thing, Demob. frightfully slow and many of us had four years without leave home. Stands England where she did? And put in a word, Blanche, for some of your ardent admirers in this un-holy land."

"The men when they return won't want to see all the old pre-war customs swept away"

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WELL . . . Well . . . Even the weariest river winds somewhere safe to sea, as the Victorian poet put it. And some day all our conquering heroes will be home again—except those who sleep that we may wake each morning to see spring coming in our England. I wish, by the way, the home-coming of heroes could be—well, a little more public and a little less fearfully plain and prosaic than it is. Bands playing, flags flying, pretty girls smiling, people cheering—for those that remain surely, this is only their barest due?

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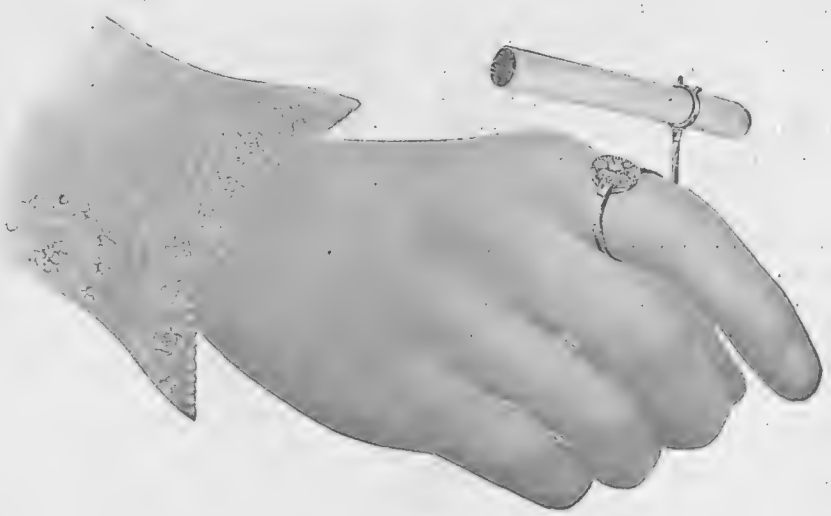

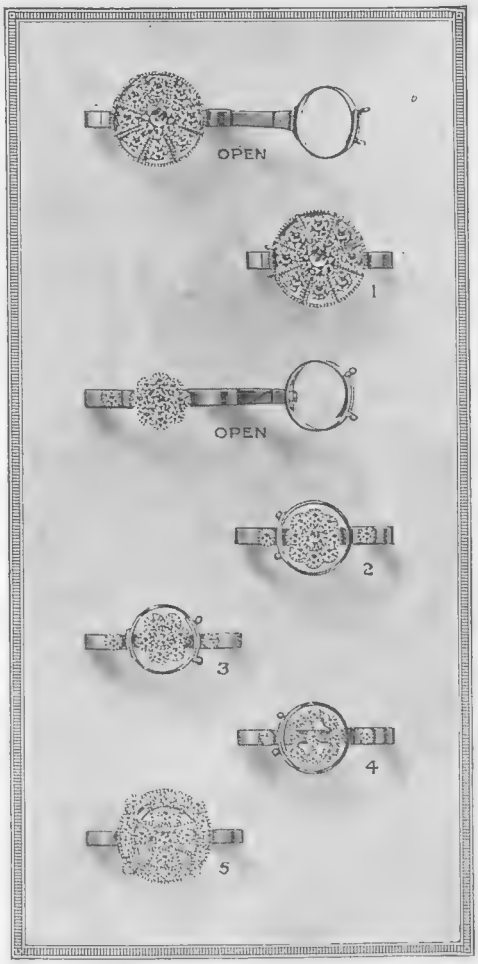

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Notes on Novels

THE novel looks as if it is coming again in all its pre-war abundance. Of the half-dozen or so on my table, the two best are Miss Violet Hunt's *The Last Ditch* (S. Paul: 7s. net.) and Mr. Stephen McKenna's *Midas and Son* (Methuen: 7s. net). Both deal with London Society before and during the war. Both hint at an interpretation of modern phenomena, which may or may not be acceptable. Miss Hunt's, I fancy, is the subtler of the two.

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HER story is unfolded in the letters—very good letters, too—of a noble mother and her daughter to another member of the family, settled in America, who seems to have followed Princess Pat's example and shed her title. Lady Arles herself is, decidedly, a last ditcher, not too ready to accept the new conditions, but a jolly old lady who learns her lesson in due course. The elder daughter, after a number of unsatisfactory adventures, finds her man, and cheerfully plays conductress on a 'bus. It is on the younger daughter, the Lady Venice, cold and modern and fascinating, upon whom Miss Hunt has bestowed the greatest care. Venice is a little masterpiece of character-drawing. You are glad she does not marry the Socialistic Percy. Sir Audley Bar is obviously the right man. *The Last Ditch* will, I expect, be a success. It is clever and cruel and interesting throughout. And behind its lightest touches there are hintings at serious matters. Miss Hunt may be congratulated.

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MR. MCKENNA'S picture is more particularly concerned with money. Sir Aylmer Lancing made his millions in America, and, like most of his kind, seems unable to enjoy life. But then, in addition to an unsatisfactory stomach he has an unsatisfactory son. Deryk is one of those self-centred young people who seem peculiarly ubiquitous to-day. He ambles. Without money he certainly works, but not in the right way. With money he builds a beautiful house, and throws himself off its roof. It sounds dismal enough, but Mr. McKenna is a skilful writer, and makes the most of his material. He, too, hints at much that he does not actually say. *Midas and Son* has not the appeal of *Sonia*, but it has all its cleverness and sound workmanship

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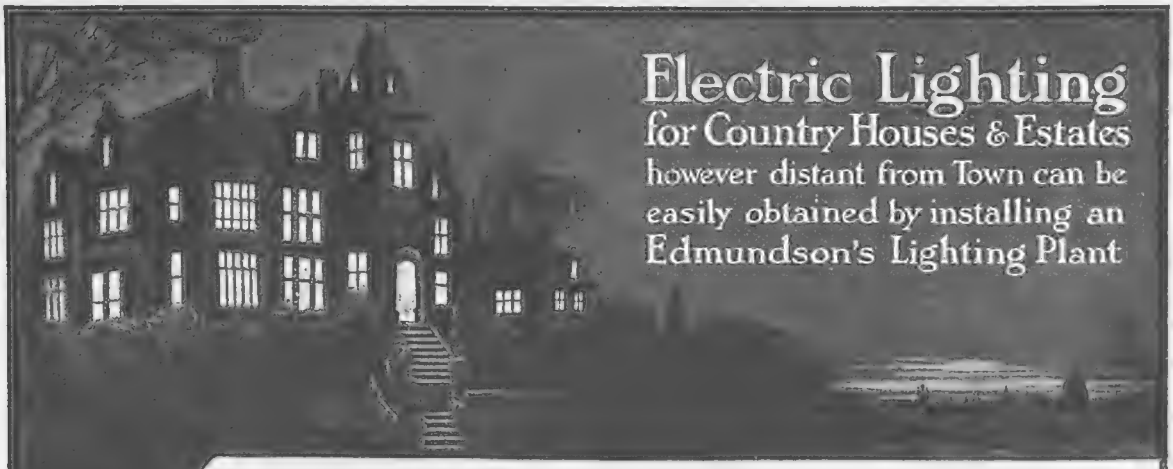

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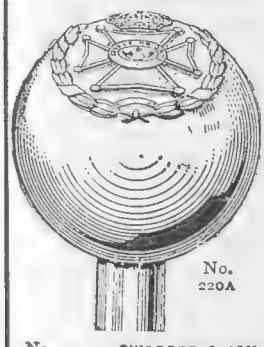

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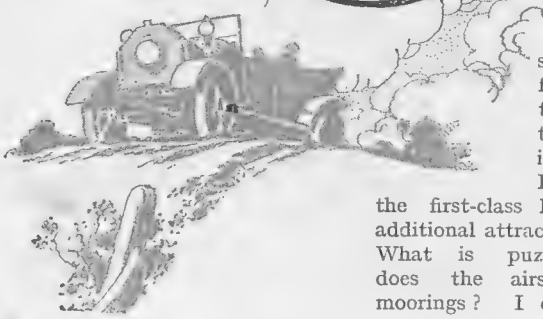

WHAT with Air Navigation Bills, an Air Attaché to the British Embassy at Washington, and gigantic 'planes to carry ninety-six passengers all in armchairs *à la char-à-bancs*, we do seem to fly along at a pace that is hardly realisable looking back a few years. Trans-oceanic airship liners are promised us in the immediate future, and someone asked me the other day whether I was going to join the Air Police Force, as he knew I was a "special." Also, I expect we shall hear wonderful reports of new stars and comets when the air transport service gets to work, for the Royal Aero Club sub-committee were busy lately on the draft rules for Lights and Signals and Rules of the Air submitted to them by the Air Ministry. Talk about one-step "twinkle," it will be nothing to the twinkle, twinkle of the air lights in the sky presently, and if the stars go out on strike I for one shan't blame them.

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ONE of the latest brilliant ideas comes from Vickers, Ltd., who, by the way, pin their faith in airships as against airplanes. There is a mooring tower for airships fitted with a lift so as to take passengers for the airship up the tower, and who board the "boat" through its nose or "bows." I can imagine all the first-class hotels acquiring this additional attraction for their guests. What is puzzling me is how does the airship pick up her moorings? I can see some pretty work being done in rope-throwing, or perhaps the crew will include a cowboy lassoo expert, as horses will be out of fashion. In fact, the rate things are progressing aloft lots of us will have to change our habits. A nice comfy cave 1,000 leagues under the sea with quick lift service appeals to me for a bedroom as "I can't abide them drumming noises at night," to quote our late cook.

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THERE has been a lot of back chat about the Chippenham site which the War Office acquired for a general repair depôt and central store of motor transport vehicles. I have refrained from comment, with the hope that someone in authority would make a definite statement why this scheme was started. Silence, we know, is golden, but as this little repair depôt is going to cost over one and a half million pounds sterling the gilt wants a bit of explaining. Anyway, whether the reasons I now give for going into such a scheme are those at the back of the official mind matters little, but I think the War Office showed more imagination and perspective in starting it than they are usually credited with. I hate having to talk about the war, but I must be forgiven this time, as the motoring world will be greatly affected by this business.

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IN order to properly understand the position in regard to the Army Motor Service, I am compelled to start by outlining the position when war started in August, 1914. At that time, although there was a section of the A.S.C. who handled the vehicles, what repairs they required were effected by the Army Ordnance Corps. I may add that the number of vehicles the War Office then possessed was very few. Immediately hostilities broke out great numbers of cars, lorries, waggons, and tractors were purchased, and the Ordnance people immediately shouted that they could not possibly handle the repairs and replacements of such a fleet of vehicles, so the A.S.C. (M.T.) had to make arrangements to do their own work, and the way they handled that job reflects great credit on Brigadier-General H. C. L. Holden and his staff. Repair depôts and workshops were established in various spots, and now that the termination is well in sight the idea of starting a permanent motor vehicle base for Army vehicles is quite a correct and proper scheme, hence Chippenham. As to its magnitude, though the initial cost does appear large, I am sure it is better to have a place big enough to start with to handle for all time the largely increased personnel of the A.S.C. (M.T.) and the vehicles required, than to be caught napping, as they were four and a half years ago. This branch of Army organisation could never be handed back to the Ordnance crowd to deal with the upkeep of the motor

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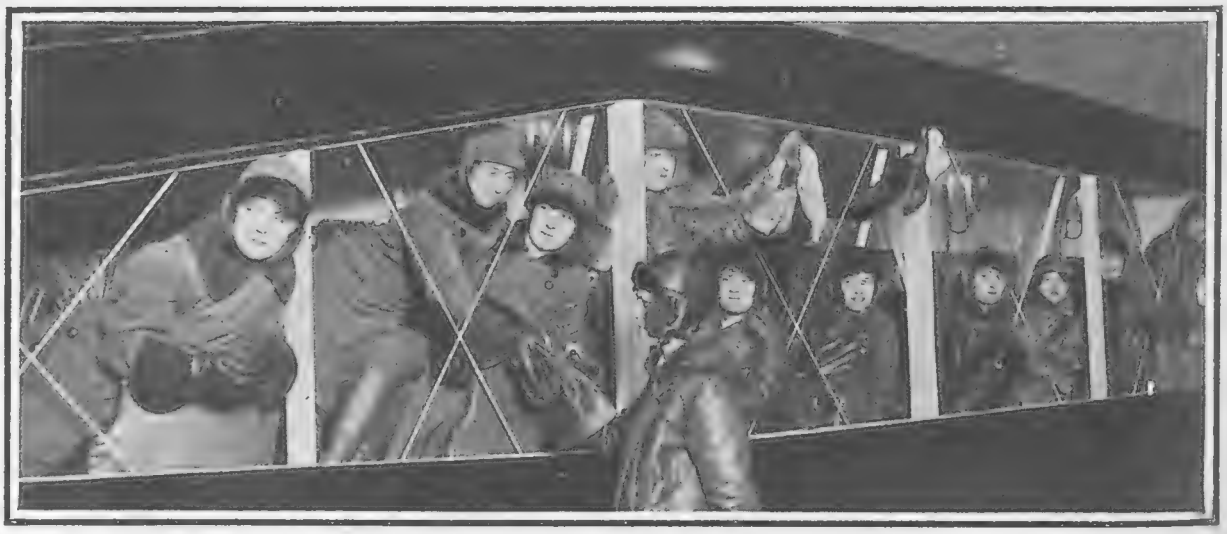

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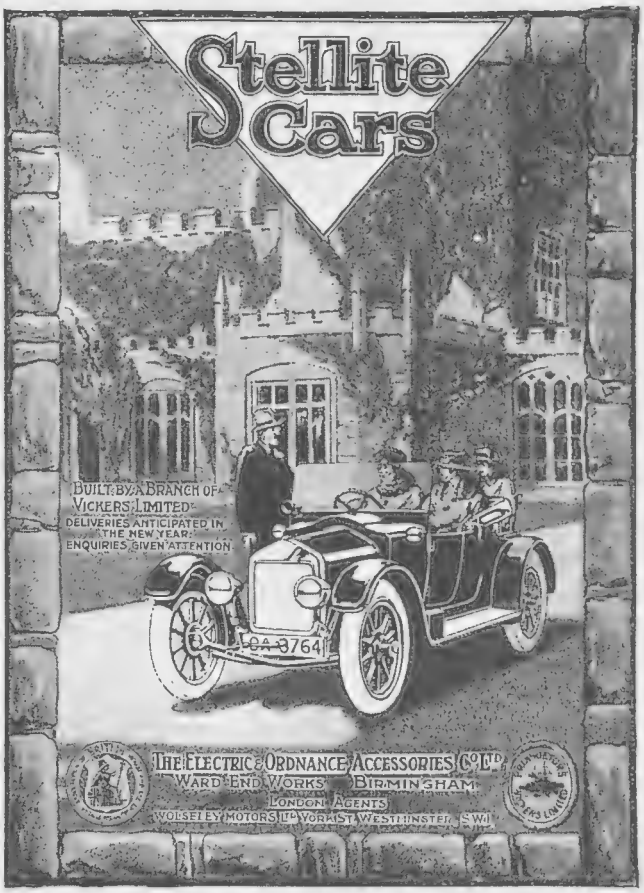

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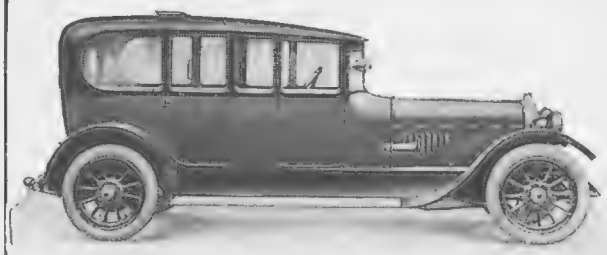

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MOTORING AND AVIATION (concluded)

transport service, and it is to be hoped that the Director of Motor Transport will keep this business in his own hands and as a separate department. Chippenham gives promise that this course will be followed, consequently we hope to see a greater interest taken by the W.O. in motor transport and for its general improvement than before, with the advantage that this must give to better the motor vehicle for commercial purposes.

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IT quite reminds me of the old, old days long since past when I hear people who are motorists (but not traders in that business) discuss the advisability of placing orders for certain cars with the makers with a view of re-selling them at a profit because they can give early delivery. This does not commend itself to the Sunbeam Motor Company, who announce that its new 16 h.p. four-cylinder car will be listed at £790 and the 24 h.p. six-cylinder model at £1,100, both with standard touring bodies, electric lighting and starting equipment. At the same time, this firm state that no one should accept an offer at a higher price, as this "is tantamount to profiteering, which the manufacturers neither authorise nor desire to encourage." This highly moral tone in the motor trade is splendid, and I hope such an example will duly have its effect. I should like to hear what Euston Road and Great Portland Street have to say on the subject, to say nothing about some of the second-hand jobbers. OLD HY.

FOR SCOTLAND YARD

A 14 h.p. Humber car in a lane near Coventry. This two-seater was executed to the orders of the Scotland Yard authorities

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FROM March 3 to 8 last week there was on view at Selfridge's, Oxford Street, the first passenger-carrying aeroplane to be placed on public exhibition since the great development in the art of aeroplane construction. Its length is 62ft. 6in., and in the passengers' saloon—entered by a trap-door from below—is seating accommodation for nineteen people. In addition, there is the pilot's seat in front, with room for the assistant-pilot at his side, and one outside passenger seat in front of the pilot. The machine is fitted with two Rolls-Royce engines of 350 h.p. each. The enterprising company responsible is already formed, and is the Handley-Page Transport Company, so that as soon as the Government has settled the detailed rules under which passenger and commercial transport flying can be undertaken, services will be immediately organised.

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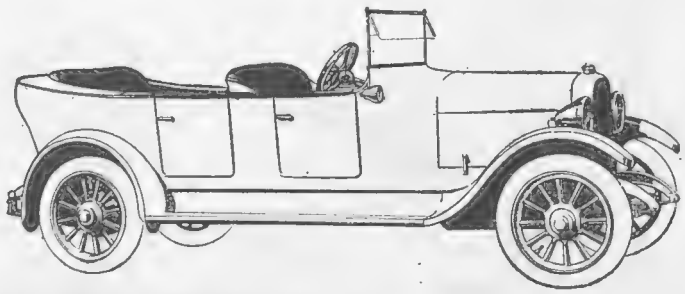

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FASHION'S FANCIES

By MRS. JACK MAY

THE awakening of the shops is apparent on every side, and every week now the impetus will grow, until we are once more drawn into the customary vortex of buying and arranging wardrobes, brave and gay and generally harmonious with the longer and finer days of spring and summer. Nature herself sets an example that only the dull and spiritless can find it in their heart to resist, to say nothing of the Victory element that is round and about us all. The time has passed for merely carrying on; we have now to move, and briskly, too, determined to soar ahead and prove ourselves as of sterling British metal. Intention to stand foremost in the field must now be materialised into solid fact. The time has arrived to act.

For the Early Spring Races

NOTHING, perhaps, points more conclusively to the settling down to normal conditions than the resumption of racing. With Ascot in the offing, there are, meanwhile, those enjoyable early spring meetings, Sandown, the Lincoln Handicap, and the great Aintree Steeplechase. It may, perchance, in the eyes of some, be wrong, but it is, at the same time, frankly refreshing to leave politics and the seething unrest alone for an hour or so, and talk over the possibilities of the coming favourites. Lovers of horses, be they male or female, grow equally excited over the discussion of pedigrees, straight riding and form, and all the old familiar jargon, that has, at least, the merit of being thoroughly human. Personally, I find a race-meeting one of the finest antidotes to the influence of the dull routine of existence, and am looking forward to many a pleasant day off on that score; and the thought being uppermost in our minds, "Noreen" has designed one of her characteristically clever ideas for a race cloak. The salient feature of the design is the cape, which, being loose, can be lifted up when the spring winds blow or the rain poureth down, into a cosy muffling species of collar.

AN EARLY SPRING RACE CLOAK
(SKETCHED BY "NOREEN")

A *beige* ground checked with powder-blue is a colour combination that appeals to us, to be worn with a simple straight line frock of navy serge, and high-crowned hat of black satin, trimmed with *beige* glycerine feathers, and a *beige* needle run veil. We are agreed also that *beige* ribbed silk stockings and gauntlet gloves of the same delicate hue would add further attraction to this persuasive early spring race attire.

Stockinette—the Latest

PROMINENT among those who have taken this fashionable woven woollen under their special care is Gorringe, Buckingham Palace Road. So here it may be seen in its infinite variety of expressions fashioned into charming coat-frocks and jumpers, and coats and skirts. Merely to see these creations is to covet them, and owning the immense country *clientèle* they do, Gorringe have exercised their customary fine discretion in emphasising their presence. A surprise awaits those who have yet to be made acquainted with the possibilities of stockinette, especially under its latest brushed character, a treatment that brings about a totally different texture and effect. Thus with the very seductive little coat-frock "Noreen" has sketched on the next page. The main

FASHION'S FANCIES (continued)

portion is of a canary-coloured smooth quality, reminiscent of fine knitting, while the deep hem, facings, cuffs and *cache-nez* are of white brushed-up stockinette, which, it may be interesting to note, is technically known as teazled, because of the prickly little growth used to rough-up wool.

In another example, comprising a skirt and smart jumper, the treatment accorded the stockinette, and possibly some admixture in the yarn, serves to bring up a silken rather shiny surface that some might easily mistake for vegetable silk. This fascinating suit is obtainable in a long range of colours, that include a lovely deep old rose, jade, Parma, and a delicate natural *nuance*.

Again, there are coats and skirts, veritably tailored affairs, that are immensely attractive, and will certainly not be confined to country wear only. The craze for wool of knitted *genre* is far too rampant to allow of this restriction, and the authorities at Gorringes have foreseen the wide possibilities of a universal acceptance, and provided a suitable choice of styles to meet the demand. The display is well worth a visit to the house, and few, I am persuaded, will fail to succumb before the allure of these supremely attractive models, the more so as the prices are most moderate. It is a safe assumption that a stockinette suit or coat-frock from Gorringe's will figure in all spring wardrobes that account themselves in any way representative and up-to-date.

A COAT-FROCK IN STOCKINETTE
Sketched at Gorringe's, Buckingham Palace Road, by "Noreen"

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The Smart Woolly Hat

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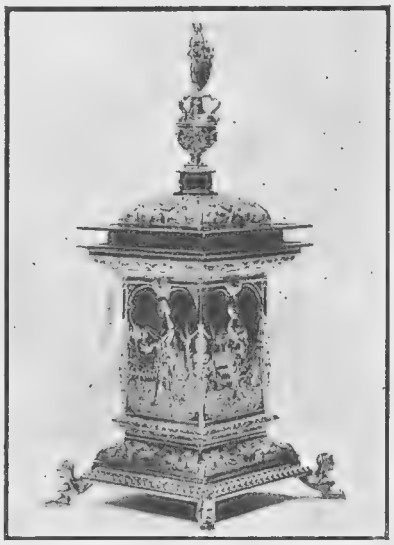

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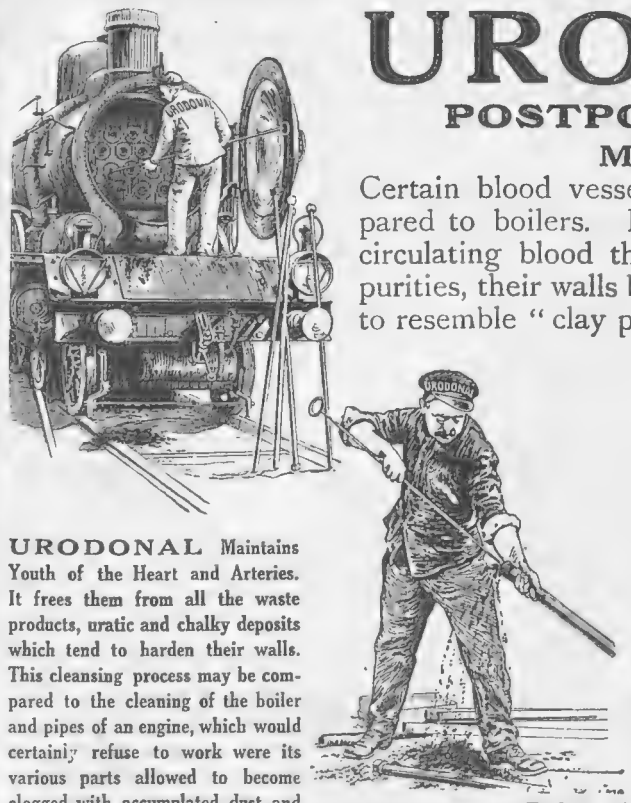

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(In an Interview.)

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Billy Wells.

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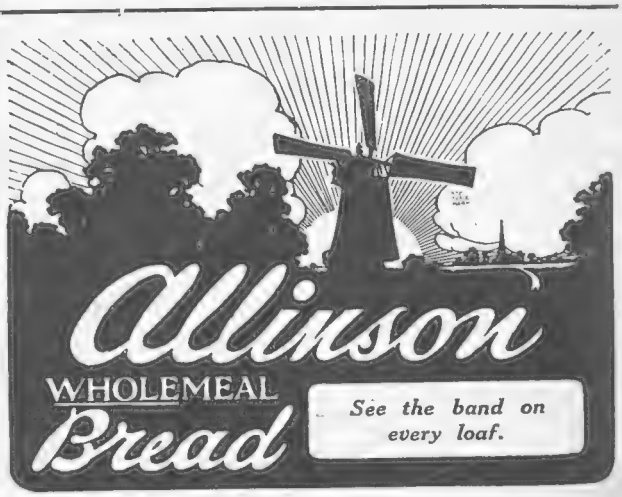

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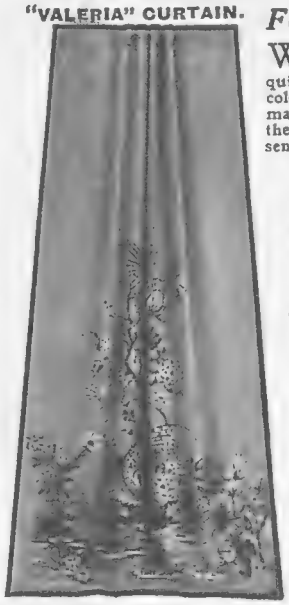

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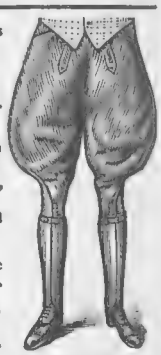

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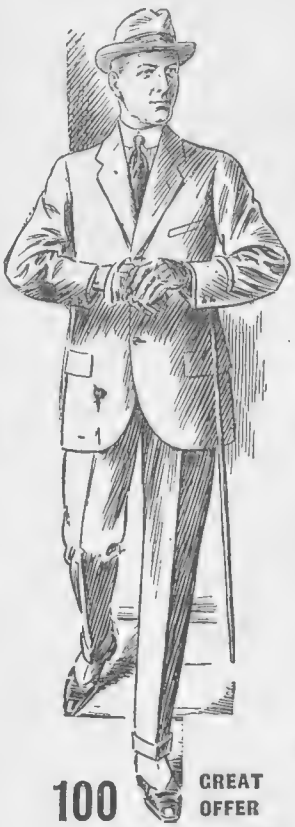

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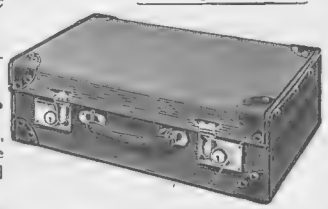

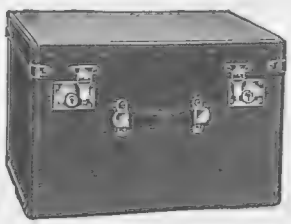

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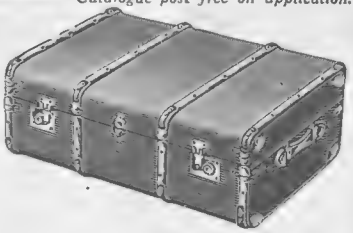

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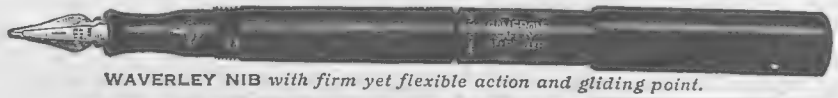

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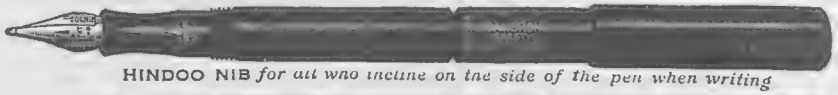

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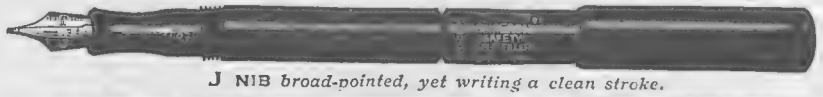

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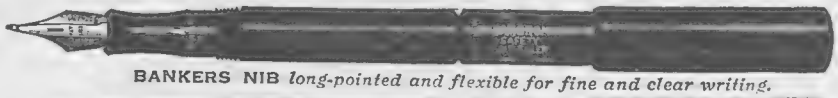

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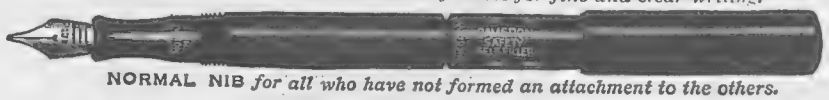

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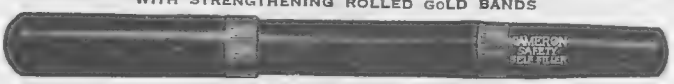

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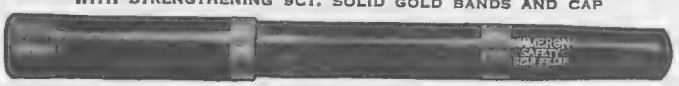

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SOME LENTEN FISH DISHES

COD STEAKS WITH TOMATOES
A STEAMED FISH PUDDING
FILLET OF SOLE À LA BÉCHAMEL
FRESH HERRINGS WITH SAUCE TARTARE
SALT COD SALAD

Now that Lent has come round again, the housekeeper is congratulating herself that the price of fish is lower, which makes it easier to provide plenty of variety. Fresh herrings are exceptionally large and good, and the recipe for cooking them and serving with "Sauce Tartare" is recommended.

Cod Steaks with Tomatoes

Cut two or three slices of cod an inch thick, divide them, take off the skin, and remove the bones. Sprinkle the slices with lemon-juice, pepper and salt, and put in a buttered casserole. Bake for thirty minutes, turning the fillets once, and moisten with a little stock or milk. Stew four tomatoes, and when quite soft rub them through a sieve and mix with them the juice of half a lemon, salt and pepper, add this pulp to the fish in the casserole, stir it carefully, and let it get hot through—about ten minutes. Serve in the casserole.

A Steamed Fish Pudding

Boil and mash four large potatoes. Shred finely ½lb. of cooked fish, add 1oz. of margarine and half a gill of milk, and mix well with the potatoes. Stir in one beaten egg. Put the mixture into a greased mould, steam for one hour, and serve with cheese sauce made as follows: Melt 1oz. of margarine, and blend with it 1oz. of flour, stir in half a pint of milk, stir till the sauce boils, then add 1oz. of grated cheese, salt and white pepper, stir till it is thick and creamy, and pour over and round the fish mould.

Fillet of Sole à la Béchamel

Cut four fillets from a large sole or a lemon sole into halves, and rub lemon-juice over them. Roll them up and tie with thread. Well grease a casserole dish, place the fillet rolls in it, with a piece of buttered paper over them. Put in a hot oven until nearly done. Then add half a pint of béchamel sauce. Replace in the oven for five minutes, and serve in the casserole.

Fresh Herrings with Sauce Tartare

Fillet some herrings, and put in a pie-dish with one spoonful of oil, the same of vinegar, pepper and salt, an onion cut into slices, and a little parsley. Let them remain in this for some hours. When ready to cook, roll them in breadcrumbs, broil them under the gas grill, and serve with Tartare Sauce, made as follows: Beat up the yolk of an egg, and add a pinch of salt, pepper, and a tablespoonful of tarragon vinegar. When well mixed, stir in half a teaspoonful of made mustard, a few capers, and a little chopped parsley. Serve the sauce cold with the herrings.

Salt Cod Salad

Choose a thick piece weighing about 1lb. and soak over night. Drain, put into a saucepan, cover with cold water, and simmer gently for forty minutes, and put aside until cold. Break up the fish into large flakes with a fork, cover with mayonnaise, and let stand for half an hour. Arrange on a bed of lettuce, and garnish with thin slices of beetroot.

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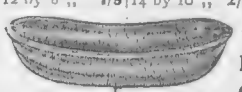

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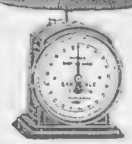

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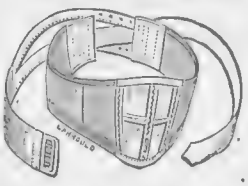

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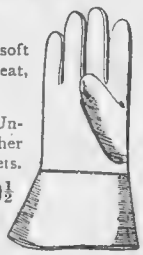

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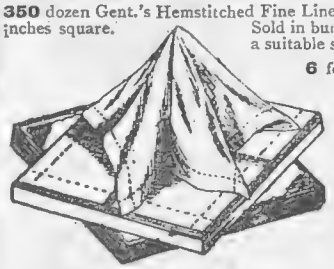

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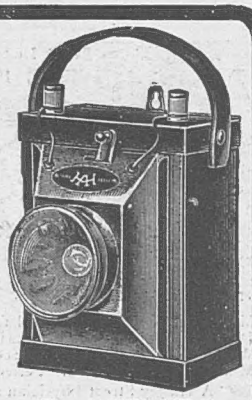

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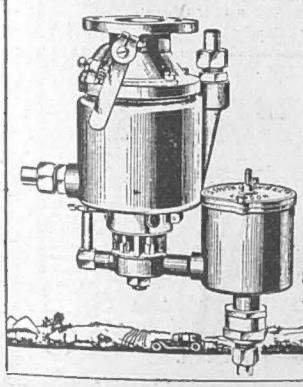

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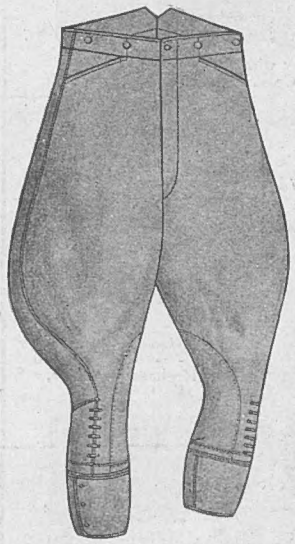

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